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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 252

24 September 1957

1. The following were present:

	Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
	Mr. R. S. Kain	State
	Mr. J. A. Minogue	Army
	Capt. R. E. Styles	Navy
25X1A9a	LCdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
	Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
	[REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)
		CIA (Vice Chairman)
		CIA (Secretary)

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2. [REDACTED]

The vice chairman called for the views of the Army and Navy, other members having concurred, on the release of uncontrolled NIS on the Near and Middle East [REDACTED] (refer to 25X1X7 Item 5 NCM 251).

The Navy member reported concurrence of Navy in this release. The Army member submitted memorandum of 13 September 1957 setting forth Army's position that the proposed release of NIS on Near and Middle East should be referred to the IAC for policy decision.

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After further discussion and subsequent re-examination of the question by the Army member, the Committee agreed to release of uncontrolled NIS on the Near and Middle East [REDACTED] providing the IAC determines that such releases are in the interests of the United States. 25X1X7

3. Release of NIS to Maritime Administration

The Committee approved the release on a continuing basis of Section 36 (Merchant Marine) on all NIS areas to the Department of Commerce, Maritime Administration, in accordance with letter of justification dated 11 September 1957.

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The Committee considered and approved the following changes in the order of production of Section 81 for FY 1958 in accordance with the Army member's memorandum of 30 August 1957 (refer to Item 9a NCM 251):

<u>NIS No.</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Previous Date</u>	<u>Revised Date</u>
33	Iran	July 1957	Feb 1958
9 M	Spain	August 1957	Dec 1957
26 M ²	USSR	August 1957	March 1958
39B	Nationalist China	August 1957	Dec 1957
23 M ²	Bulgaria	August 1957	Oct 1957
35 M	India	Sep 1957	Feb 1958
36 M	Pakistan	Sep 1957	Jan 1958
66	Canada	Oct 1957	Dec 1957
55	Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalilands	Nov 1957	April 1958
43C M	North Vietnam	Dec 1957	Dec 1957
32	Arabian Peninsula	March 1958	May 1958
96	Australia	April 1958	May 1958
18M	Czechoslovakia	May 1958	June 1958

The Committee considered and approved the following changes in FY 1958 production schedule in accordance with the State member's memorandum of 18 September 1957:

<u>NIS No.</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Scheduled Date</u>	<u>Revised Date</u>
13	Germany	42	April 1958	Forecast
13	Germany	40	June 1958	Forecast
15	Switzerland	51	--	March 1958
15	Switzerland	52	--	May 1958
54	Sudan	59	February 1958	May 1958
81	British Western Atlantic Possessions	54	January 1958	Forecast
95A	British Guiana	57	--	Jan 1958

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5. NIS Production Forecast

The vice chairman reported that all agencies had submitted proposals for the NIS Production Forecast Schedule for FY 1959-60-61. OBI will issue a consolidated schedule by the next meeting together with OBI review comments and recommendations.

By memorandum of 19 September 1957 the Navy member noted that, because of personnel and budgetary limitations, it has become mandatory to review problems of overscheduling of Navy contributions to NIS sections coordinated by other agencies.

With respect to the FY 1958 production of NIS Sections 35 and Supplements I (Ports and Naval Facilities), Navy is responsible for four areas, and is scheduled to submit contributions on "Naval Facilities and Shipyards" on seven areas to Army. Because of lead times and alternative schedules, contributions on these latter areas will not be finally produced until FY 1959 or later. Navy, therefore, proposed that on three of these areas Navy's contributions be re-scheduled for FY 1959. The Army member agreed to examine this problem and work it out directly with the Navy member, who also recommended that future scheduling provide for only eight areas annually, prorated between Army and Navy, with lead times for Navy's contributions to Army normally set at three months but not to exceed six months.

With respect to Navy's contributions to Section 64E (Shipbuilding) the Navy member noted that Navy is scheduled to contribute on nine areas and, in addition, to "updating" two contributions originally submitted in FY 1957 but now rescheduled by State for FY 1958. The State member offered State's assistance in bringing these contributions up to date. The Navy member proposed that the contribution to Section 64 on the USSR be rescheduled for submission in FY 1959 (ORR has concurred) and that future schedules be limited to eight areas a year, prorated between State and CIA. The Navy member also stressed the necessity to adhere firmly to the established schedules and to set normal lead times at three months but not to exceed six months.

6. NIS Production Capabilities

The Committee discussed at some length the effects on NIS production of manpower cuts in the Defense Agencies and personnel assignment problems in State which have already

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The chairman stressed the necessity for continuing the present production rate of eight equivalent NIS a year in order to complete the world coverage of NIS as required by the JCS and to assure adequate maintenance of the published NIS. He felt that this objective could be achieved even with the anticipated manpower cuts providing all NIS producing components and coordinating staffs made maximum use of efficient producing and review procedures. He said that the OBI staff was studying present inter-agency practices and coordinating problems and will shortly be making recommendations to the several agencies on ways and means to effect mutual improvements. The reviewing staff of OBI has also been instructed to accelerate the processing of all NIS contributions so that inter-agency review consultations may be carried out on a timely basis. The chairman also suggested that the Chapter VI coordinating agencies determine their capabilities to assist the Defense Agencies in preparing those economic subcontributions which would otherwise be deferred or seriously delayed because of Defense manpower deficiencies.

The Committee agreed to continue to project production schedules at the present level of eight equivalent NIS a year and to explore every possibility to increase production and review efficiency so as to maintain this production level. The Committee will further examine the production situation at mid-year and take appropriate measures at that time.

7. NIS Priority on Africa

The Navy member raised the question of assigning higher NIS priorities to African areas in view of the increasing importance attached by Navy to African port intelligence. In general, he felt that all African areas should be raised to a Category II priority.

The other members indicated that their agencies shared Navy's views with respect to the priority of their own intelligence requirements on Africa. The chairman said that, since he was shortly requesting a review of NIS priorities by the JCS, he would include the IAC agencies' views on this matter, which he requested the members to send to him by formal memoranda.

8. Dissemination of NIS Production Report

The vice chairman informed the members that the NIS Quarterly Production Report will hereafter be disseminated by OCR/CIA, and asked that requirements be submitted directly to that Office in response to its survey requests (refer to Item 6 NCM 249).

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9. Suspense Items

Sections 50 and 51 on Pakistan in suspense since 12 July and 7 August respectively were rescheduled for 30 October in view of delay in embassy comments.

Section 53M on Italy in suspense since 6 August was rescheduled for 15 October to allow for inclusion of embassy comments due this week.

Section 40X on Ryukyu and Bonin Islands rescheduled for 30 September (refer to Item 8 NCM 251) was again rescheduled for 30 October to allow time for receipt of Army field comments which have been sent by sea pouch.

10. Other Matters

a. The vice chairman requested the members to submit by the end of the week the names of their agencies' personnel who will attend the next CIA Intelligence Products Exhibit to be held on 10 October.

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11. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 15 October 1957.

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